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IN RESPONSE REFTEL FOLLOWING IS ARTICLE BY WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT HENRI PIERRE THAT APPEARED ON INSIDE PAGE
OF JUNE 7 LE MONDE UNDER HEADLINE "NEW AMERICAN POLICY
IN AFRICA BRINGS RESHUFFLE AT STATE DEPARTMENT."
BEGIN TEXT: "IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY PLAYBOY THIS
WEEK, MR. ANDREW YOUNG, THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
U.N., DECLARED THAT A RACIAL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
WOULD INEVITABLY PROVOKE A RACIAL CONFLICT IN THE
UNITED STATES, "WHERE THE WHITES, SEIZED WITH PANIC,
WOULD ATTACK THE BLACKS". ACCORDING TO HIM, IF THE WHITES
WERE MASSACRED BY THE BLACKS IN RHODESIA, SOUTH
AFRICANS WOULD INTERVENE AND AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS FLY
TO THE RESCUE OF THEIR RACIAL BROTHERS. ON THE
OTHER HAND, ACCORDING TO REMARKS OF MR. CASTRO GIVEN
ON MAY 19 TO THE JOURNALIST BARBARA WALTERS, THE
GRADUAL EVACUATION OF CUBAN TROOPS FROM ANGOLA WOULD BE SUSPENDED
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DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL IN RESPONSE TO THE FRANCO-MOROCCAN
INTERVENTION IN ZAIRE.

THE NOMINATION OF MR. RICHARD MOOSE AS ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR AFRICA AS REPLACEMENT FOR MR. SCHAUFLE,
ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY JUNE 3, IS THE PRELUDE OF A GENERAL
RESHUFFLING OF THE BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN
THE DEPARTMENT. TWO OF MR. SCHAUFLE'S THREE ASSISTANTS MUST BE

REPLACED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND THERE IS A QUESTION OF CREATING A FOURTH POST FOR AN ASSISTANT CHARGED ESPECIALLY WITH AFRICAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. EVEN THOUGH ON THE OFFICIAL SIDE THEY EMPHASIZE THAT WHAT IS INVOLVED IS A NORMAL CHANGE CONFORMING TO THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATING HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE RESHUFFLE TAKES, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW AMERICAN DIPLOMACY VIS-A-VIS AFRICA, A CLEAR MEANING. CERTAINLY, THE DEPARTURE OF MR. SCHAUFLELE HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. EVEN THOUGH HE BEGAN THE TURN IN AMERICAN POLICY PASSING FROM SOLIDARITY WITH "WHITE AFRICA TO SUPPORT OF "MAJORITY RULE" FAVORING THE ACCESSION TO POWER OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. MR. SCHAUFLELE, APPOINTED BY MR. KISSINGER, WAS BY DEFINITION SUSPECT IN THE EYES OF THE YOUNG TEAM OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISERS DESIRING TO GO EVEN FARTHER IN THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE MOVEMENTS OF AFRICANIZATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE AFRICAN BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS CORRECTED, IN THE SAME DENIAL, CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE DECLARATIONS OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AS MUCH CONCERNING THE CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN AFRICA AS ON THE "ILLEGALITY" OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PRETORIA. BUT, STRONG FROM THE SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, MR. YOUNG HANDLED MORE EASILY THE CRITICISMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SINCE HE KNEW A SHUFFLE WAS IMMINENT. IF HE DID NOT PROVOKE HE NO DOUBT ACCELERATED THE DEPARTURE

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OF MR. SCHAUFLELE, LIKELY TO BE CALLED TO TAKE THE EMBASSY IN ATHENS. THE NOMINATION OF MR. MOOSE, WHO ABANDONS A HIGHER POST IN THE HIERARCHY (HE WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION) REINFORCES THE ACTIVIST ELEMENTS WHO PRESIDE OVER THE ELABORATION OF AFRICAN POLICY. MR. MOOSE WILL WORK WITH MESSRS. DAVID AARON, PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR NUMBER TWO FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, AND ANTHONY LAKE, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF PLANS OF THE DEPARTMENT. MR. LAKE, AUTHOR OF A VERY CRITICAL BOOK ON KISSINGER'S AFRICA POLICY, EXERTS BEHIND THE SCENES IMPORTANT INFLUENCE IN THE FORMATION OF AFRICAN POLICY AND WORKS ACTIVELY IN THE COORDINATION OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH VIEWS ON THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM.

THE CLOSE TIES OF MR. MOOSE TO LIBERAL DEMOCRATICS ELEMENTS OF THE CONGRESS HAVE SURELY FACILITATED HIS NOMINATION. HE SERVED AS A YOUNG DIPLOMAT IN AFRICA BEFORE BEING ASSIGNED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, AND AFTER

1969, WAS PART OF THE STAFF OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT,
FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.
HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF THERE THROUGH NUMEROUS
ON THE SPOT STUDIES. IN THIS CAPACITY HE WENT TO AFRICA
IN 1975 ALONG WITH SENATOR CLARK, CHAIRMAN OF THE
AFRICAN SUB-COMMITTEE AND DECLARED ADVERSARY OF MR.
KISSINGER'S POLICY. BOTH OPPOSED WITH SUCCESS THE
DIPLOMACY OF MR. KISSINGER IN SUPPORT OF THE ANGOLAN
FACTIONS SUPPORTED BY THE CIA. THE PRESENCE OF MR.
MOOSE BESIDE AARON AND LAKE ORIENTS DEFINITELY THE
AFRICAN POLICY OF WASHINGTON IN THE DIRECTION OF A
GREATER FIRMNESS TOWARD THE LEADERS OF "WHITE" AFRICA
AND OF GREATER COOPERATION WITH AFRICAN LEADERS.
CERTAINLY, THE RESHUFFLE SHOULD PUT AN END TO THE
FIGHTS FOR INFLUENCE INSIDE THE ADMINISTRATION.
WITHOUT FOR ALL THAT GUARANTEEING THAT AMERICA WOULD
FROM NOW ON EXPRESS ITSELF WITH A SINGLE VOICE ON
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AFRICAN PROBLEMS. IN A CERTAIN SENSE, MOREOVER,
THE WHITE HOUSE FINDS ADVANTAGE IN KEEPING TWO DIFFERENT
LANGUAGES DEPENDING ON THE INTERLOCUTORS AND THE
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